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'You Can Watch 'Cars' When Daddy's Done Stealing, OK?'

A Louisville, Ky., man is accused of breaking into a home with his 3-year-old son in tow. Shively April Harris found her flat-screen TV, an Xbox, games and movies on her back porch when she arrived home Tuesday. The man walked out with the toddler and told her he was looking for someone who owed him money and had the wrong address. (AP)

SERVICE PROVIDERS

If Only Comcast Outages Were Explained So Easily

A Georgian woman who allegedly shut off Internet service in her country and neighboring Armenia for several hours while scavenging for copper is facing charges that could lead to three years in prison. Aiyastan Shakharyan, 75, severed a fiber-optics cable on March 28. She will likely get a lighter sentence due to her age. (AP)

ANIMALS

And When No One's Looking, They Speak English and Sing

A mother goose who lost her mate is being watched over by an adult deer in Buffalo, N.Y. The bird is sheltering her eggs inside an empty cemetery urn. This arrangement is highly unusual, since there's no known way that a deer and goose can communicate. As passersby approach the area, the deer places itself between the intruder and the nesting goose. (AP)

The Big Picture



NEWS IN GEESE: In other goose news, a Canada goose startled Jasari the giraffe on Wednesday at the Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, Ill. With the warmer temperatures, the zoo's giraffe herd was given access to its outdoor environment, and the goose apparently felt that infringed on her property rights. (AP)

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Budget Wrangling Stretches On

Obama offers to sign another stopgap bill to prevent shutdown

Washington

President Obama and congressional leaders bargained and blustered by turns Thursday, still short of an agreement to cut federal spending and head off a government shutdown at midnight on Friday.

Obama met with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., at the White House at midday, and the three agreed to reconvene after dinner.

Republicans also passed a bill through the House to fund the Pentagon for six months, cut \$12 billion in spending and keep the government going for one week.

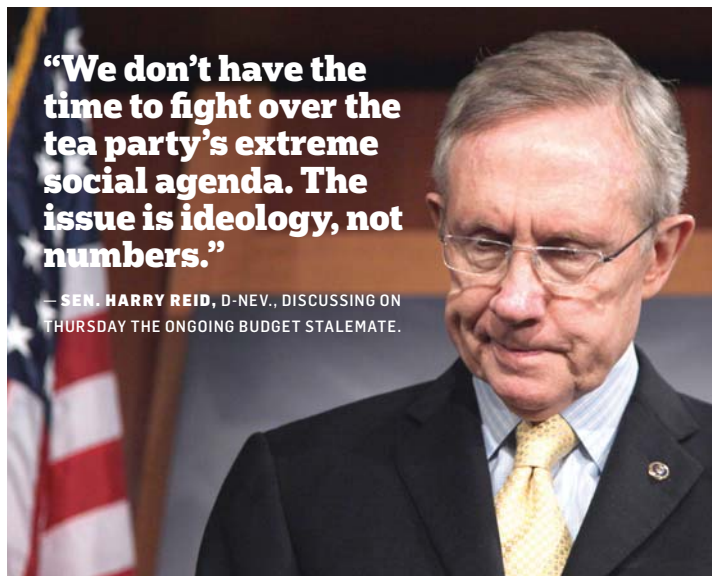
Obama had threatened to veto the bill even before it passed on a 247-181 vote. The administration issued a statement calling it "a distraction from the real work" of agreeing on legislation to cover the six months left in the current fiscal year.

In a shift in position, Obama said Thursday he would sign a short-term measure to give negotiations more time to succeed.

It was unclear whether the day's maneuvering marked attempts by

"We don't have the time to fight over the tea party's extreme social agenda. The issue is ideology, not numbers."

— SEN. HARRY REID, D-NEV., DISCUSSING ON THURSDAY THE ONGOING BUDGET STALEMATE.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

negotiators to gain final concessions before a deal, or represented a setback to efforts to avoid a shutdown. And it did not appear the two sides were too far from a deal.

Officials in both parties said that in the past day or so, Democrats had tacitly agreed to at least \$34.5 billion in reductions.

It was higher than the \$33 billion that had been under consideration, but still less than the \$40 billion Boehner floated earlier in the week — a number that Republicans indicated was flexible.

There also were hints of GOP flexibility on a ban they were seeking to deny federal funds to Planned Parenthood. **DAVID ESPO (AP)**

5 TO WATCH FOR A BUDGET DEAL



SEN. RAND PAUL (R-KY)

No member of Congress more embodies the tea party rise and spirit than Paul, and Republican leaders will likely take their cues from him in the coming days.



WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF BILL DALEY

If the White House is seeking to avert a shutdown, it's not hard to see Daley, a moderating force, as one more willing to compromise.



REP. STENY HOYER (D-MD)

Hoyer, the House minority whip, is that guy who can bring moderate House Democrats on board and the person Republicans think they can work with best.



REP. JOHN BOEHNER (R-OH)

The House speaker is doing his best to assuage the tea party and the traditional GOP, but he may have to pick between his base and keeping the government running.



REP. JIM JORDAN (R-OH)

Jordan, the Republican Policy Committee chairman, could play a key role in creating a deal and selling it to conservative members. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

In Brief

NEW YORK

N.Y.C. Schools Chief Quits After 3 Months in Role

New York City's school chancellor resigned Thursday after three months, a defeat for Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Bloomberg named Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott to replace Cathie Black, a publishing executive with no experience as an educator, in leading the nation's largest public school system. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON

Report: Social Media May Be Used in Terror Alerts

Terror alerts from the U.S. government will soon have just two levels of warnings: elevated and imminent. Color codes are out, and Facebook and Twitter will sometimes be in, according to a Homeland Security draft obtained by the AP. The system is expected to be in place by April 27. **(AP)**

\$70M

The annual cost for the government to mail paper Social Security statements to about 150 million Americans. To save money, officials say, the mailings are ending this month and are being replaced with online statements. **(AP)**



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An Offer to Stay in Iraq

Gates: U.S. is willing to prolong military presence if asked to

Baghdad

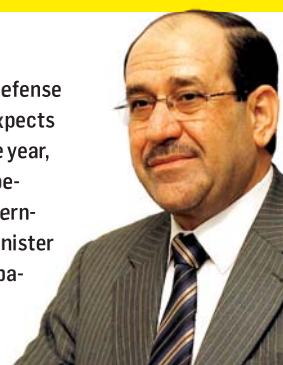
Even with the burdens of combat in Afghanistan and unrest in the Arab world, the U.S. would keep American troops in Iraq beyond the agreed 2011 final withdrawal date if Iraq's government asked for extra help, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

His comments give weight to an idea that is politically sensitive in both nations and that Iraq officially rejects.

During what he said would probably be his final visit to Iraq as Pentagon chief, Gates urged the fractious Iraqi government to decide "pretty quickly" whether it wants to extend the U.S. presence beyond Dec. 31 to enable continued training of its security forces. Gates shares the view of many in the U.S. military that a longer U.S. stay would be useful in ensuring

Meanwhile ...

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Thursday that he expects all U.S. troops to be out of Iraq by the end of the year, as required under a 2008 security agreement between Baghdad and Washington, said Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh. The prime minister stressed that Iraqi security forces have the capabilities to repel any aggression, according to a statement from the Iraqi government. (AP)



that Iraq's security and political gains do not unravel, but publicly he has insisted that the decision is Iraq's.

"We are willing to have a presence beyond [2011], but we've got a lot of commitments," Gates said, citing involvement in Afghanistan and Libya, and relief efforts in Japan. "The initiative ultimately has to come from the Iraqis."

The U.S. ambassador to Baghdad, James Jeffrey, on Thursday called U.S. ground forces "the glue" that is holding the country together.

The American military pres-

ence is broadly unpopular in Iraq, even though many Iraqis say they are glad that the U.S.-led war toppled dictator Saddam Hussein. Many Iraqis say the visible presence of U.S. forces is a slight to their national pride and unnecessary eight years after the start of the war.

Iraq's politicians are wary of suggesting that the country can't stand on its own, for fear that rivals could exploit such a statement.

The U.S. now has about 47,000 troops in Iraq, and they will begin leaving in large numbers in late summer or early fall. (AP)

Mementos in Mich. From All Walks of Life



ARTIST TYREE GUYTON ARRANGES footwear on Thursday in his outdoor exhibit called "Street Folk" in Detroit. Guyton brought in nearly 10,000 donated shoes that he and volunteers painted to fill the street of one city block. He received a \$25,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to do so.



ANIMALS

What'ssss in a Name?

New York City's elusive snake is now called "Mia," for "missing in action." The winning moniker, which beat out more than 33,000 nominations in the contest to name the elusive Bronx Zoo cobra, was declared Thursday. Other finalists included "Cleopatra" and "Subira," which is Egyptian for "patient." The venomous serpent gained notoriety after disappearing two weeks ago, only to be found a week ago, in a corner of the reptile house. (AP)

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Israeli soldiers stand by a school bus that was hit by a missile on Thursday.

JERUSALEM
Gaza Missile Hits Israeli School Bus, Wounds 2

An anti-tank missile fired from the Gaza Strip struck a school bus in southern Israel Thursday, wounding two people, one of them critically, and prompting a fierce Israeli retaliation that killed five and wounded more than 30 Palestinians. It was the heaviest assault on the coastal territory in two years. (AP)

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST
Group Surrounds Ivory Coast Leader's Bunker

An armed group trying to install Ivory Coast's internationally recognized president, Alassane Ouattara, surrounded a bunker the country's strongman, Laurent Gbagb, refuses to leave Thursday, saying they will wait for him to come out. (AP)

MEXICO CITY
Mexican Police Find Mass Grave With 59 Bodies

Mexican security forces searching for abducted bus passengers in a violent northern state bordering Texas have stumbled on a collection of pits holding a total of 59 bodies. Investigators made the grisly find early Wednesday near the ranch where drug cartel gunmen less than a year ago massacred 72 migrants. (AP)

250K

The number of Kurds who gained citizenship after Syrian President Bashar Assad issued a decree Thursday for the aliens in the northeastern Hasaka province. (AP)

Gunman Kills 11 at Brazil School

At least 18 wounded before former student takes his own life

Rio de Janeiro

A gunman roamed the halls of an elementary school in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday and killed 11 children, lining them up against a wall and shooting them in the head at point-blank range as he shouted, "I'm going to kill you all!"

It was the worst school shooting in Brazil — and would have been deadlier if the gunman had not been shot in the legs by a police officer, who said the man fell down some stairs and then shot himself in the head.

At least 18 people, mostly students, were injured, many by gunfire, and taken to local hospitals, said Rio state Health Secretary Sergio Cortes. At least four were in



A student who was wounded Thursday after a gunman opened fire at the Tasso da Silveira school is transferred from one hospital to another in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"There were so many children shot, so much blood. People were asking for help, but what could I do?"

— ZILDA NUNES, 67, REACTING AFTER CHILDREN FLED TO HER HOME ACROSS THE STREET FROM A RIO SCHOOL AFTER A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE ON STUDENTS, THEN KILLED HIMSELF.

grave condition. The dead included 10 girls and one boy, plus the gunman, Cortes said.

The gunman was identified as 23-year-old Wellington Oliveira, who had once attended the Tasso da Silveira school.

No motive was known, but authorities said the shooter left a rambling and mostly incoherent letter at the scene indicating he wanted to kill himself.

Police were alerted to the shooting when two young boys, one with a gunshot wound, ran up to two officers about two blocks away.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff lamented the deaths of "defenseless children."

"I ask for one minute of silence for these children who were taken so early from their life," she said, her voice cracking and eyes welling with tears. "It's not in the nature of our nation to have these types of crimes." JULIANA BARBASSA (AP)

NATO Strike Hits Libyan Rebels

Ajdabiya, Libya

An apparent NATO airstrike slammed into a rebel combat convoy Thursday, killing at least five fighters and boosting anger among anti-government forces after the second bungled mission in a week blamed on the military alliance.

The attack — outside the strategic oil port of Brega — brought fresh questions about coordination between NATO and the patchwork of rebel militias in a conflict described by a senior U.S. commander as a stalemate that could eventually require the Pentagon to reassert more power, and possibly even send in ground forces.

In a sign of the hair-trigger ten-

Communication Breakdown

NATO faces the same challenges to avoid friendly-fire deaths as commanders in other wide-ranging air missions such as Iraq and Afghanistan. The Libyan rebels lack the high-grade communications and surveillance systems to coordinate with NATO planners and pilots. And from above, both sides may appear very similar. Rebels use seized tanks and vehicles from the Libyan military. The pro-Moammar Gadhafi forces, meanwhile, are increasingly mixing into civilian areas and adopting the guerrilla-style appearance of their foes. (AP)

sions along the front, thousands of civilians and fighters raced out of the rebel-held city of Ajdabiya in eastern Libya after reports that Moammar Gadhafi's forces gained ground in the chaos after the bombing.

In Brussels, NATO did not directly acknowledge responsibil-

ity for a blundered airstrike on the rebels, and a NATO official said there is growing frustration with the rebels' perception that NATO is acting as their proxy air force. The U.N. mandate calls only for international air power to enforce a no-fly zone and prevent attacks on civilians. SEBASTIAN ABBOT (AP)

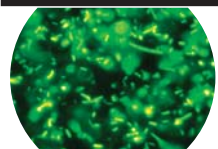
Big Aftershock Rattles Japan

Sendai, Japan

A big aftershock rocked quake-weary Japan late Thursday, rattling nerves as it knocked out power to the northern part of the country and prompted tsunami warnings that were later canceled.

The quake was initially measured at magnitude 7.4 but later was downgraded to 7.1. Either way, it was the strongest aftershock since several were recorded March 11 — the day of the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami that killed as many as 25,000 people and touched off a nuclear crisis last month.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. (AP)



The Fighting Fungi: For years, Angray Kang at Westminster University in London and U.S. scientists have been testing whether they could genetically tweak a fungus to kill the malaria parasite carried by mosquitoes. Now, according to results published in the journal Science, they've found that mosquitoes exposed to the fungus show a sharp drop in levels of the parasite. If it works that way in the wild, that should make it harder for the disease to infect people. (AP)

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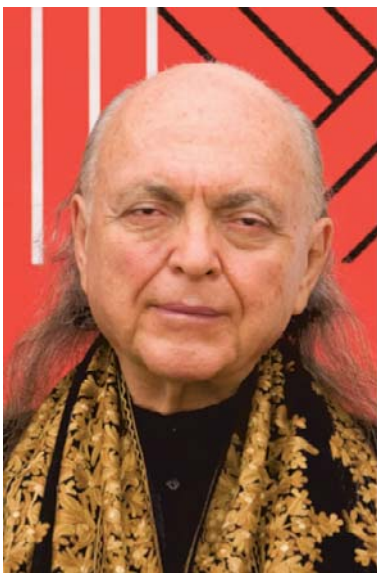


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My Big Hang-Up

Here's a tip for anyone who wants to make me lose it. Just say, "I'll call you from the car." That's when I'll explain my policy of not interviewing people while they're operating motor vehicles. You might believe you're killing two birds with one stone — but you might also kill yourself and other folks on the road. And I really don't want to be on the other side of that phone conversation.

Maybe you think that's nuts, especially if you heard the awesome news last week that traffic fatalities are at their lowest level in the U.S. since 1949. But that doesn't change the reality that at least half a million people were injured and another 5,500 died in distracted-driving

accidents in 2009. That was one of the eye-opening facts presented at the National Press Club on Wednesday for the launch of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' "Decide to Drive" campaign.

Air bags, seat belts and other

safety features often protect the head and chest well, but the limbs still take a beating, explained Andy Pollak, president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association. So even though one might expect fewer



By Vicky Hallett

patients showing up at the University of Maryland's shock trauma center, he says he's actually seeing an increase, and too many of them have life-threatening injuries.

The campaign is mostly public service announcements reminding people that driving requires one's full attention. As tempting as it is to tap out that text message, reach for your kid's toy in the backseat or grab a handful of fries, it's probably not worth ending up in a pile of twisted metal and broken glass.

But if dedicated multitaskers think it's too much of a burden to expect them to focus on the road, I have another campaign I'd like them to join: Decide Not to Drive And, Instead, Take Public Transportation. Can't imagine not applying mascara during your commute? I'd much rather have you do that next to me on the Red Line than on the Beltway. (Although I reserve the right to give you a weird look.) You can text away, read the paper, and — where there's service — even talk to me.

There can still be consequences, of course. For instance, Pollak recently fell asleep on the Acela, nearly missing his stop and getting stuck for the night in Philly. But that sounds much nicer than the emergency room.

METRO, THE MUSE

Conversation Between an Escalator and a Flight of Stairs

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That's why they line up
for me and not you.

The flight of stairs doesn't respond.
It doesn't even make a sound.

It knows that in life
everything breaks.

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Brown Refuses to Testify About Mayor Gray's Hires



Brown

Sulaimon Brown said Thursday he is not going to testify at the D.C. Council hearing on hiring practices of Mayor Vincent C. Gray's administration. Brown, a former opponent of Gray's in the mayoral race, was hired and then dismissed from an \$110,000-a-year job in the Department of Health Care Finance. He calls the hearing a "witch hunt" and said he has no intention of participating. After Brown left, Council member Mary Cheh signed a subpoena that orders Brown to appear before her committee. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Wind Bill Dies in Senate

Gov. Martin O'Malley's offshore wind bill will have to wait a year. Senate Finance Chairman Thomas "Mac" Middleton pulled the bill from consideration in his committee Thursday, saying there were too many questions about the costs to rate-payers and who would build the wind turbines to answer before lawmakers leave town next week. The move kills one of the most ambitious proposals the governor was pushing this year. Middleton said Thursday the proposal would have to be vetted over the summer. (AP)

Hearsay

"It's time that the District of Columbia told Congress to go straight to hell."



— D.C. DELEGATE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, TO FOX5 NEWS ABOUT CONGRESS' INTERFERENCE IN THE CITY BUDGET DUE TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET STANDOFF.

Rodents Infest D.C. Courthouse

Officials: Mice, rats have moved inside due to construction

Washington

D.C. officials have spent more than \$5 million to renovate the Superior Court complex, including building a glass facade, installing new landscaping, adding high-tech courtrooms and state-of-the-art X-ray machines to screen for weapons.

Yet, despite all of the upgrades — or maybe because of them — courthouse officials still can't seem to keep out one group of pesky trespassers: rodents.

E-mails around the courthouse have been circulating for more than a month, as employees have complained about mice and their droppings. Nowhere is immune. They have been found in jury rooms, courtrooms and any other places the critters can find warmth or food.

Long-time court employees and regular visitors say they have seen mice and rats outside the courthouse for years. The rodents could be seen darting across the courtyard or plaza levels, sprinting from one leafy bush to another. But now employees are noticing the rodents inside.

It's likely, court officials say, that the renovations have merely displaced the rodents and caused them to seek sanctuary.

Still one court employee is tak-

ing no chances. The worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared retribution from top court officials, has removed all belongings from the floor and has her feet resting on a box. She also has placed two glue traps around her desk.

"The last thing I need is for one of those things to run across my feet and I start screaming and one of these police officers or marshals reaches for their gun," the employee said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Searching for His Grandfather's Savior



SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

IN NOVEMBER, TIM RUSE, right, the grandson of a survivor of the Bataan Death March during World War II, traveled from Centreville, Va., to Japan with one picture. It was a photograph as old as the war; a grainy shot of a Japanese boy. For Ruse and the people who greeted him, the photo offered a way to pluck one single act of compassion from a dark chapter of history. It was a photo of the child who helped save his grandfather's life. Now they just had to find him. | postlocal.com

Owner of Home Filled With Dead Cats Located

Herndon, Va.

Police have found the owner of a Herndon home where the rotting remains of 20 to 30 cats were discovered on Tuesday. The woman was not home at the time, and it appeared the house had not been lived in for awhile.

"We continue to speak with her and investigate other aspects of the case," said Lucy Caldwell, a Fairfax County Police spokeswoman. At this time, Caldwell said no charges have been filed in the case.

Police would not say where the woman was or discuss the case's central mystery: why the cats were apparently left to die in the home.

"We're not classifying this as an animal hoarding situation, because we don't know the full story," Caldwell said. "The owner could be sick — we don't know." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Cover Story

Cutting the Cord

Can D.C. workers survive without a BlackBerry? They may find out soon.

Washington

You will know them by the classic symptoms of withdrawal: anxiety, irritability, twitching hands, maybe a phantom buzz they keep hearing even when it isn't there.

If a government shutdown comes to pass, the nation's capital may soon be in the grips of something akin to a mass nicotine fit. Tens of thousands of federal workers deemed "nonessential" will be forced to give up their BlackBerrys.

Government workers have seen furloughs before, but never in the era when so much of their lives and identities have been bound up in a little gizmo that for many seems to have been surgically implanted in their palms.

"My wife and kids would probably like it for a couple of days," said Kevin Bishop, communications director for Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., whose mobile device has made it possible for him to do his job from the senator's Greenville, S.C., office. "I'm not sure I could handle it, though. It's basically a part of who you are, from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed at night."

While Bishop sleeps, it recharges nearby. The only place it doesn't accompany him is to church.



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Particularly for senior officials, being severed from their devices adds to the indignity and anxiety of being told they aren't essential.

"You're talking about people who are used to being in charge and having their own careers advance because they are on top of things," said Paul DeCamp, who was administrator of the Labor Department's wage and hour division during the George W. Bush administration.

At the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT

Under the provisions of a 19th-century law known as the Anti-Deficiency Act, it is illegal for federal employees deemed nonessential to voluntarily work during a shutdown. In the modern era, that means they can't use email or voicemail. How, precisely, the government would enforce that ban has not been worked out. A senior administration official said that one plan under consideration would require nonessential executive-branch workers to surrender their government-issued BlackBerrys and other electronic devices on the way out the door. However, a top aide at the Office of Management and Budget said that agency has no idea how many personal digital assistants are even out there. And short of shutting off access to their office computer network, it is far from clear how agencies would prevent furloughed employees from logging in. (TWP)

Committee, communications director Leslie Phillips said that staff deemed nonessential should monitor their BlackBerrys in case of an emergency that would make them essential or if an issue needs to be brought to the attention of those who are on duty.

But the strain of giving up access to BlackBerrys may be greater on younger staffers, who have never known any other way of living.

"I'm of an age where I remember not having a BlackBerry. I'd be fine, thanks," said Bill Dauster, deputy chief of staff to Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid, D-Nev. Still, Dauster said, "I do have to wonder how they would get the word out that people have to come back to work, if they can't look at their BlackBerrys."

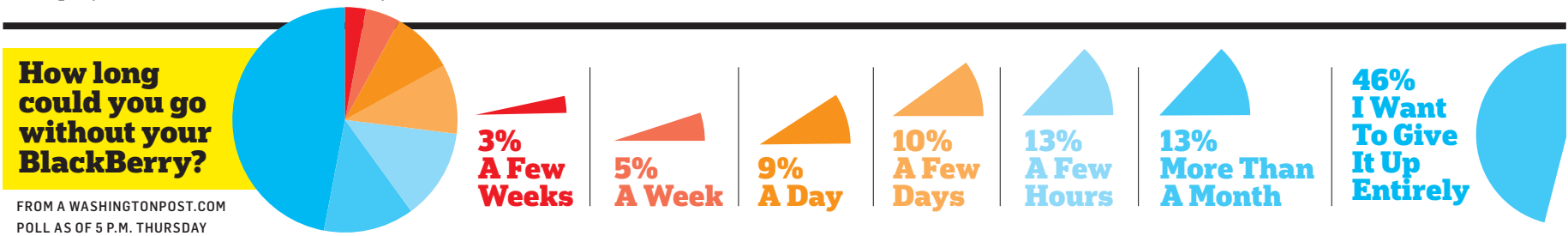
For many people, the BlackBerry organizes their daily schedule, contains the information they need to reach everyone who is important to them and is even the number their children know to call in an emergency.

That is why many government workers spring for a second cell phone or PDA for personal business. They often carry a BlackBerry for official matters and an iPhone or Droid for everything else.

Still, furloughed workers know that somewhere out there in the electrons, their email inbox is growing fuller by the hour.

"It's a nightmare," DeCamp said. "They're dealing with time-sensitive projects. It's not like their deadlines cease to apply. The tide keeps coming in."

And that might be the hardest part of all for furloughed federal employees: knowing that they would have to mop up a flood when they get back to work. KAREN TUMULTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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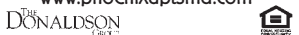
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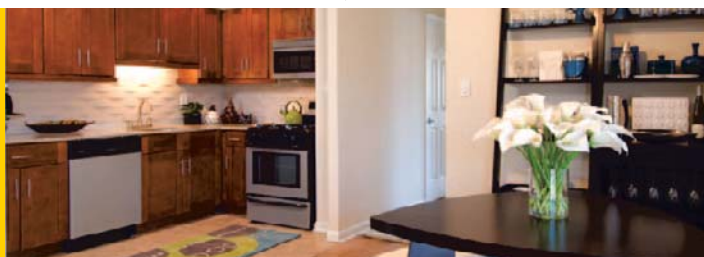
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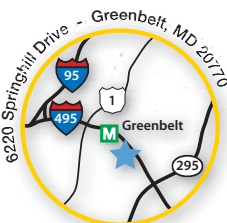
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TV Lineup



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Landon Donovan is expected to suit up for the Galaxy's game against United.

Friday

3 P.M. Round two of the Masters. ESPN

4 P.M. The Nats face the Mets in New York's home opener. MASN

7 P.M. The Wizards visit the Boston Celtics. CSN

7:30 P.M. Classic NHL rivals the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks face off. Versus

Saturday

1 P.M. The Red Sox-Yankees saturation starts early this year in Boston. Fox

3:30 P.M. The third round of the Masters tees off. CBS

7 P.M. The Caps close out their season against the Florida Panthers. CSN

7 P.M. The Wizards host the Atlanta Hawks. CSN+

7 P.M. Denny Hamlin races to repeat in Fort Worth, Texas, during the Samsung Mobile 500. Fox

7 P.M. The NCAA crowns its men's ice hockey champion. ESPN

7:30 P.M. D.C. United kicks off against Landon Donovan and the Los Angeles Galaxy. Direct Kick

Sunday

1 P.M. In a possible playoff preview, the Chicago Bulls visit the Orlando Magic, followed by the Miami Heat hosting the Boston Celtics. ABC

1 P.M. The Nats close out their series against the Mets. MASN

2 P.M. Who will wear the green jacket at the end of the Masters? CBS

A Comedy of Errors

It takes less than a week for the Nats to repeat the failures of past seasons

The Nationals

It took only the season's first seven days for the springtime tradition of unbridled optimism to be nudged aside by the early arrival of summer's jarring realism.

Base-running blunders and an unsightly number of runners left on base for the offense, and fielding errors and walks preceding clutch hits for the defense left the Nationals reeling from four losses in their first five games.

In a clubhouse expected to be overflowing with the veteran sensibilities, it hasn't gone unnoticed. But it hasn't yet been corrected.

"We all know," Ryan Zimmerman said after a particularly ugly loss on Sunday. "In years past, I think that might not have been the case. But I think this year we realize we can't do that in any game in this division or you're gonna get your ass beat."

The Nationals, however, followed Zimmerman's strong words with wrenching losses in Florida. And the inevitable calls for calm and patience.

"It's being able to take a loss and come back the next day relaxed and ready to play," new first baseman Adam LaRoche told reporters after Wednesday's loss. "If we come back tomorrow as a team thinking about the game before ... you're in a bad spot already. I think we have enough guys in here to not let that happen."

General Manager Mike Rizzo

Reality Bites

March 31

2-0 LOSS TO BRAVES: Against Derek Lowe, the Nationals hit four balls out of the infield, including warning-track drives by Rick Ankiel and Adam LaRoche that, on a warmer day, might have flown over the fence, wasting a stellar opening start by Livan Hernandez, below.



ROB CARRIGGETTY IMAGES



April 3

11-2 LOSS TO BRAVES: The Nats' defense committed its first error of the season and bungled several other plays. Their offense managed four base runners in seven innings against nemesis Tim Hudson, and their bullpen unraveled to the tune of eight runs, including a six-run eighth inning. It's no wonder Martin Prado, above, and the Braves slid in for the series victory.

April 5

3-2 LOSS TO MARLINS: Jayson Werth, Washington's biggest free agent acquisition in team history, dropped a shallow fly ball in the 10th inning before Sean Burnett yielded a two-out, bases-loaded, game-ending single to Donnie Murphy. Earlier in the game, Jerry Hairston was thrown out between third and home. At least Ryan Zimmerman, right, hasn't lost his fielding touch yet.



J PAT CARTER/AP

April 6

7-4 LOSS TO MARLINS: In his second start this season, Hernandez walked five batters in four innings — one more than Nationals starters had allowed combined in their first four games — and yielded four runs in the fifth inning after Florida spotted Washington and early 4-0 lead. It was the Nationals' 41st loss to the Marlins in 54 games since 2008. (TWP)

spent the offseason rebuilding the team to fit a certain mold, his view of how a winning club is constructed in the post-steroid era.

A blend of experience and potential. Versatile, athletic position players capable of making all the ordinary plays and a fair share of the extraordinary. Hitters who work counts, stress pitchers, reach

base often and run the bases with calculated aggression. And efficient, quick-working pitchers who don't sabotage their team with control problems.

Team officials were confident that they'd built just such a club. But over the season's first week, the Nationals learned that such a transition is not instantaneous,

and even veterans are susceptible to screwups and communication failures.

Take Jayson Werth's key error in Tuesday's loss. But the \$126 million acquisition says it takes time to get. "We have been right there," he said. "The thing is, we haven't really played together. That takes some time." **DEREK TURNER**

Shall We Dance?

On Saturday night, the Capitals will know for sure who they'll play in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs, but three teams could end up as the Caps' round one dance partner. Here's a quick look at each team and each starting goalie with the "Halak-O-Meter" in full effect after last season's early exit. REED S. ALBERS

THE HALAK-O-METER

Despite outshooting the Montreal Canadiens by large margins, the Caps found themselves leaving the playoffs early last season, thanks to the exploits of now former Habs goalie Jaroslav Halak. With that in mind, the Halak-O-Meter is a way of guessing how frustrating a team's goaltending could be for the Caps—who have become frequent victims of hot goalie syndrome.



Montreal's Carey Price, Buffalo's Ryan Miller, Carolina's Cam Ward and New York's Henrik Lundqvist are four goaltenders who could present problems for the Capitals in a potential first-round playoff series.

Montreal Canadiens

As of Thursday afternoon, it seemed unlikely that the Canadiens would fall to the seventh seed—a point against the Ottawa Senators Thursday night would lock them in the sixth seed. Still, the possibility exists, but the Caps have had success against Montreal this season. In four games, Washington has shut out the Habs twice and won 4-2, and its only loss against the bleu, blanc et rouge this season came in overtime.

Buffalo Sabres

Washington's most recent bout with the Sabres, a 5-4 overtime win on Saturday night, provided glimpses of what could be an exciting back-and-forth series. But that game also featured backup goalie Jhonas Enroth in net, not Buffalo franchise goalie Ryan Miller. Washington won the season series 3-0-1, but it was hardly in dominating fashion—previous wins came by slim margins of 2-1 and 4-2, and the Caps' lone loss to Buffalo was a 3-2 overtime decision.

Carolina Hurricanes

Washington went 5-0-1 against the 'Canes this season, with its only loss coming in a shootout. Carolina boasts a young lineup with stars in rookie Jeff Skinner (30 goals, 29 assists) backed-up by veterans such as Eric Staal (33 goals, 42 assists). A playoff ticket for Carolina hasn't been punched—it trailed New York by two points as of Thursday night—but if the Capitals earn the No. 1 seed, this may set up a showdown between division rivals.

New York Rangers

The Caps' two blowout losses to the Rangers—7-0 and 6-0 thrashings—may make fans shudder, but Washington didn't yet have Jason Arnott's leadership. Those teams also weren't playing as well as the Capitals are now. But even with the influence of Arnott, the Rangers are likely to play a rough, physical series, just like they did two years ago when they lost in seven games to the Caps. The recent injury to Rangers star Ryan Callahan (23 goals, 25 assists) makes the Rangers less intimidating, but the team's playoff hopes ride on goalie Henrik Lundqvist.



HALAK-O-METER Despite playing a Vezina nomination-worthy season, Canadiens starting goalie Carey Price hasn't exactly shined against the Caps. He's 1-3-0 with a 2.48 GAA and sat on the bench last playoffs. His regular-season numbers against the Caps may not be intimidating, but last season Halak entered the playoffs with a meager 1-2-0 record and 3.00 GAA against the Caps. And the rest, as they say, is history—as was Washington after its best regular-season finish.



HALAK-O-METER Sabres star goaltender Ryan Miller went 1-2-0 against the Caps this season, allowing seven goals and earning a 2.32 GAA. But it is injury concerns that keep us from labeling him as the next Halak entering the postseason. Miller is currently day-to-day with an upper body injury, and while it's expected he'll start in the playoffs, the former team USA goalie may have durability issues in a long series.



HALAK-O-METER In five games versus Southeast foe Washington this year, starting goalkeeper Cam Ward was an unimposing 1-3-1. That said, he does have a 2.16 GAA against the Caps and did lead the Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup in 2006 after getting red-hot in the playoffs. Ward's been strong against the Caps, but evident from his record, not unbeatable, and the team in front of him isn't Stanley Cup-caliber.



HALAK-O-METER Henrik Lundqvist is a world-class goalie with a sharp 1.34 GAA against the Caps this season, along with a 2-1-0 record and two shutouts. In the team's seven-game series in 2009, Lundqvist nearly sent the Caps packing. After going down 3-1 in the series, the Caps finally figured out the Swedish netminder—shoot high on the glove side.

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An art major in college, the Redskins' Chris Cooley says he has made 350 pottery pieces for this Friday's showing in Leesburg, Va.

Spinning His Wheels

A passion for pottery helps Redskins' TE Cooley forget lockout

Commentary

On South King Street in Leesburg, the shop front reads, "The Cooley Gallery." Kiln-fired vases, bowls and mugs, all signed and bearing a small No. 47 insignia, sit atop a small table in the showroom window. Handmade jewelry and pastoral oil paintings of Wyoming, some the work of a certain Pro Bowl tight end, can also be purchased inside — along with an autographed jersey if you like.

When the owner of the gallery is not here, he is said to be out jogging five miles with his wife to the soundtrack of the first season of "Glee." "It's awesome," Chris Cooley says. "The last episode of the first season has all these Journey songs and me and Christy just start going."



"The two questions I get asked the most are, 'Do you think you can build a bomb with all those chemicals?' and 'Do you think you can burn a body in your kiln?' Which is an absolute yes."

First thought? It's time for an intervention, whereby teammates and family members encircle Cooley, tell him how much they love him and to stop already, he's hurting them and himself. The NFL lockout will one day end, they'll tell him.

This is a mow-'em-down, rumbling tight end. He's on the Wash-

ington Redskins' payroll, not Martha Stewart's. But it's not like that. "I love pottery," said Cooley, who's first showing is Friday. "I've always loved pottery." Oh ... kay.

He actually uses the pottery wheel his father used in high school in Powell, Wyo. He began taking the hobby seriously when he broke his ankle during the 2009 season. Last November, on a whim almost, he and Christy walked into downtown Leesburg and leased the first space they saw on South King Street. This is the mature Cooley, seven years removed from when Joe Gibbs plucked his hayseed butt out of Utah State, a head-banging, beer-and-a-shot kid, long ago referred to as "Captain Chaos."

And nothing personal toward fans or Commissioner Roger Goodell or players' union chief DeMaurice Smith, but divvying up \$9 billion or not, the details of the NFL lockout don't concern him. "I don't care; it just doesn't affect me right now," he says. "When I'll be pissed off is when third paycheck doesn't come." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

0-6 The record of the Boston Red Sox, who lost their sixth in a row Thursday when the Cleveland Indians squeezed home the only run in the eighth inning, then trapped pinch-runner Darnell McDonald off second base for the final out in a 1-0 victory. (AP)

Now Comes the Hard Part for McIlroy

After stellar opening round at Masters, can he avoid a meltdown?

Golf

Rory McIlroy has another early lead at a major championship. Now, he's got to avoid another meltdown.

One of golf's brightest young stars, the 21-year-old McIlroy surged to the top of the Masters with a 7-under 65 on Thursday. He was in the clubhouse one shot clear of the field, poised to become the youngest first-round leader in Masters history.

It was a reminder of his dynam-

ic start last year in the British Open. McIlroy opened with a 63, only to slump to an 80 in the howling wind of St. Andrews the next day.

He shouldn't face those conditions in Georgia, where the forecast called for warm, clear weather through the weekend. Whatever happens, he feels better prepared to deal with any adversity.

"At the time, it was very disappointing," McIlroy said, referring to his second-round collapse at St. Andrews. "But looking back, it was probably very valuable in my progression as a golfer."

He rallied to finish third in the British Open, though far behind winner Louis Oosthuizen, and



Rory McIlroy says he is a better golfer after his British Open collapse last year.

Meanwhile ...

Tiger Woods wasn't anywhere near the lead, but at least he wasn't totally out of it. Mired in the longest winless streak of his career, he made a long putt at No. 14, lipped out several others and finished with a 71. He considered it a promising start. "I'd rather be where Rory is," Woods said, glancing at the scoreboard from behind the 18th green. "But, hey, there's a long way to go. We've got a long grind ahead of us. ... I'm very pleased. I'm right there in the ballgame. I'm only six back." Woods has gone 20 tournaments over 17 months without a win, due in large measure to his personal turmoil. (AP)

was third at the PGA Championship. Throw in his performance at the Ryder Cup, where he helped Europe reclaim the trophy from the U.S., and it's easy to understand why the young man from Northern Ireland is considered a

star-in-the-making.

McIlroy doesn't expect to fall apart on Friday. "I have that experience to draw on," he said. "... I feel like I'm better prepared to tee off in the second round of a major with the lead." (AP)

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Toni Braxton

SINGER, FAMILY GIRL, REALITY STAR

Divorce proceedings. Foreclosure. Toni Braxton admits it may not have been the ideal time to film a reality show, but the 43-year-old music star is ready to set the record straight with “Braxton Family Values,” debuting on WE TV Tuesday (9 p.m.). We caught up with the celeb just before the curtain rises on her family’s daily lives.

What made you decide to do this show?
My sisters said, “You have to use this as a platform to tell your story. No one knows anything about you except what they read. You never say anything; you never really talk. You’ve been aloof.” I said, “You know what? They may have a point.”

Has it been hard to film while you've been going through fore-

closure and a divorce?
It is. I cannot tell a lie. But what’s going to happen in [the show] is you’re going to understand why the bankruptcy happened. You’re going to understand my illnesses. A lot of things I hadn’t talked about because I was afraid it would interfere with my work. I am very candid.

How are you different from the girl who became a star at 26?
I work on pleasing myself and my two kids. What I love about being older is that it’s OK to be older now. I’m at that very fortunate decade when you can still be sexy and be hot. I remember when my mom was in her 40s and it was, “Oh, she’s older. She’s a middle-aged woman.” I don’t think 40s say that anymore.

Your mom’s pretty hip, too! She started a Twitter account.
She did! She’s all, like, “I’m going to tweet you.” I’m, like, “Excuse me?” I don’t know what to say to my mom tweeting and being in a social network. Um, OK? “All right, Mom. What are you going to do next?” I don’t get it, but I’m glad she’s being young and current.

“It’s OK to be older now. I’m at that very fortunate decade when you can still be sexy and be hot.”

When can we expect some new tunes from you?
That’s not first on my list. Everyone asks me that, which I’m excited about; it means they miss my music. But, no, I’m not doing that. Working on my health and getting happy. My son Diesel is autistic, and he’s doing extremely well. So, I’m excited about that. In the future.

You’re known for your style. What designers do you love?
I wear a lot of Badgley, but in this show you see me differently. You see me in jeans, leggings and T-shirts. I keep it very comfortable when I’m at home with my sisters.

Your grew up Severn, Md. Any fave D.C. haunts or memories?
Growing up for me was a bit different. I didn’t wear pants until I was 14 years old. I didn’t go to the movies until I was 15 years old. Things like that. We were a very religious family.

Why watch your reality show?
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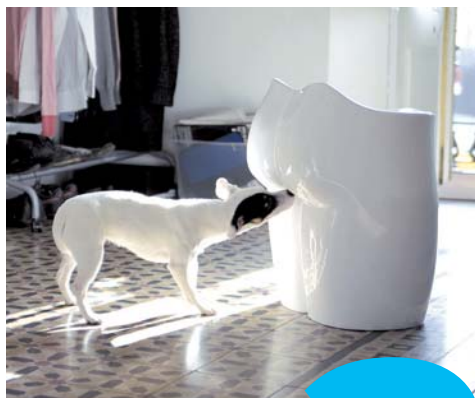
KRIS CORONADO

Event Horizon | Jules Reid and Sissy Yates Trunk Show

Cherry blossoms signal that it’s time to stock up on seersucker and Palm Beach prints, so head to Sherman Pickey to meet boho-prep designer Jules Reid and local jewelry designer Sissy Yates during their spring trunk show Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sherman Pickey, 1647 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4212). Meet them from noon to 2 p.m.

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**Iberian Jam****SPANIARDS — ALREADY**

good at fighting bulls, making tapas and doing flamenco moves — turn out to also be rocking industrial and decor designers. Through May 15, the exhibit Bravos: Groundbreaking Spanish Design at American University's Katzen Center (4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW) shows off Diez + Diez's cubist baby crib, Curro Claret's spilled oil flower vase and — ay, caramba! — Ramon Ubeda's tush-shaped chair, shown.

2**5 Speed Feed**

OUR CAVE PERSON ANCESTORS probably cooked sabre-toothed tiger stew in clay pots. And our grandmas made pot roast in slow-cookers. The new VitaClay Multicooker (\$140, Vitaclay.com) merges these time-tested cucina techniques in one computer-controlled device that can steam rice, brew soup or whip up old-timey oatmeal. Plus, it saves you precious time that those chefs on "The Flintstones" and "Leave It to Beaver" would really envy.

Grab Bag**4 Straw Pull**

LATELY, DESIGNER BAGS have been ringing up well north of \$600 a pop. But orYany totes, new at Shoe Hive (127 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-7105), pack and carry a big style punch for quite a bit less. Styles such as a yellow, cross-body carryall (shown, \$398) and a half-circle bag in spring's "it" non-color, white, slouchily go with warm-weather clothes while still leaving you a bit of cash to, well, buy all those sundresses, shorts and tees.

**1 Old Times Tables**

WHILE RURAL AMERICA (and some ambitious kids in Brooklyn) can have chicken coops to go along with their farm-to-table movement, we studio dwellers find it hard to plant an entire garden of root vegetables on our windowsill. So we settle for nostalgia. Vintage-y aprons with hand-applied trim, new at Sur la Table (\$20, Surlatable.com), look glam enough to wear during a spring dinner party, even if you don't have a dining-room table. Rooster, lemon or flip-flop patterns make even the tiniest of kitchens feel like home.

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I can't believe it's already April and things here in the District of Columbia are blooming. It seems like just the other week we were buried under yet another snow-pocalypse. Can you recommend some fun, inexpensive sandals to help me welcome this new warmer season?

— ERICA



Manolo says the springtime is indisputably the bestest of all times to be in the Washington, D.C.

In the summer, it is both roastingly hot and insanely humid, setting in motion the rare meteorological phenomenon in which the water is simultaneously condensing on your skin and being boiled away. Essentially, you are being poached in your own juices, rendering you tasty for the mosquitoes.

In the winter, the first snow is greeted by the city government as if it were the unexpected, icy fist of God. Let 4 inches accumulate, and you are living in the Siberian version of "Mad Max," in which society collapses and insane people career around the street in outlandish vehicles looking for petrol and cat food.

As for the fall, every other year is the election season, and the less said about that period the better.

But, in the spring, the weather turns soft, and the cherry trees, the greatest of all the Washington monuments, bloom. Everyone seems happier, and on the first warm days, you go for the long strolls along the Mall.

Here is the Flower Shine from the Kenneth Cole Reaction (\$59, Zappos.com) in the camel color, perfect for your walk beneath the blossoms.



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De-frump Your Dinner Party

Be a hipper host with cool ideas on menus, table decor and cocktails

You're invited to a dinner party! Um, hooray? Except maybe root canals and performance reviews, few other invitations inspire quite the same flashes of trepidation. Will the food be edible? The other guests tolerable? Will it be like the board game "Clue" brought to life — except you or the host dies of boredom or food poisoning, not a mishap with a candlestick?

Done right, a dinner party offers memorable food, drink and conversation. "Throwing one is like producing 'MTV Cribs,' 'Top Chef' and 'Martha Stewart' at the same time," says Bryon Brown, the chef for Artisa Kitchen (Artisakitchen.com), a nomadic supper club hosted at galleries, and this spring's "pop-up" restaurant-cum-dinner show Sensorium (Sensoriumdc.com).

Likewise, he says a night-gone-dull can mean "social suicide." Guests might envy Colonel Mustard and Miss Scarlet — at least their soiree saw some action.

At Sensorium, Brown stages dinners with dishes paired with visual or performing arts. The Number 68 Project (Number68project.com) throws underground, "curated" parties focused on chef-prepared food and smart conversation.

Wannabe guests apply for invites and, if picked, pay \$155 to chow down with D.C. luminaries including yogis, DJs and NPR correspondents.

But what if you possess neither a staff of chefs and performers nor a Rolodex of folks priming for their New Yorker profiles? For starters, skip the seven-course, table-clothed banquet. (Remember "frumpy" and "formal" start with the same letter. Both end with "F," too — failure.)

Instead, modern hosts follow a new set of rules: breezy attitude, careful preparation, unfussy foods. And a clever theme never hurts.

Columbia Heights' Kendel Orientstein, 32, started a club of eight pals that meets for regular potlucks. The locale changes monthly, with the host doing the entrée. Recent parties: a Valentine's Day soiree (everyone brought a red, spicy or sweet dish) and a March Madness bash (guests did a signature dish of a Sweet 16 team's home state).

Another time, the crew held a color-themed dinner party. Each guest drew ROYGBIV colors to determine what hue dish to bring. Like Rainbow Brite sans talking horse, the meal featured a pink shrimp appetizer, green asparagus wrapped in prosciutto, red beet risotto, orange squash soup, purple cupcakes, red wine and blue shots of Hypnotiq.

"We cook things we wouldn't normally cook," Orientstein says. "It's creative."

The best part: "Having a potluck party takes the burden off the hosts," says group member Halie Werge, 33, a Capitol Hill resident who works in retail property management. "We go around the table and tell about how each dish meets the theme. That makes us all more invested." **KATIE KNOROVSKY**



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Breakfast Spring Rolls with Red Pepper Ketchup



Spring Locavore Feast

Source: Lydia Ellison Howerton and Sarah Lagrotteria, personal chefs behind the L.A.-based Apples and Onions Dinner Party Blueprints (Applesandonions.com)



Set the scene: Show off your grown-around-here savvy with an ode to spring in D.C. that features the region's bounty — from herbs and produce to Virginia country ham and wine. OK, so cherry blossom branches aren't there for you to pluck at your whimsy to use as fresh decor. But Whole Foods sells them (\$8), and farmers markets sell bunches of daffodils for your entryway or dining table. Add white votive candles and — voila! You might as well start accepting reservations.

Extra credit for do-gooders: Donate a cherry blossom tree in each guest's name (\$5.95 via Nationalcherryblossomfestival.org), and place an info card at each place setting.

Recipe File

BLOSSOM FIZZ

Ingredients

- 6 chilled Champagne flutes or coupes
- 6 sugar cubes
- bitters
- rose water
- 1 chilled bottle of Virginia sparkling white wine (Try Thibaut-Janisson's sparkling Chardonnay. The Charlottesville wine was served at the Obamas' first state dinner and is sold at Dean & DeLuca and D.C.-area wine and spirits shops for about \$23 a bottle.)

Serves 6

Place one sugar cube in each chilled Champagne glass, and douse the cube with bitters (two to three dashes) and a drop or two of rose water. Fill with chilled sparkling white wine and enjoy immediately.

Back to the Futurists

Source: Carmen Wong, founder of Banished? Productions (Banishedproductions.org) that hosts "Tactile Dinners" each summer during the Capital Fringe Fest

Set the scene: Host a dinner party inspired by your fave art style or even a current exhibit, be it a Renoir "Boating Party" brunch with floppy hats and lots of wine or a Jackson Pollock free-for-all with painting projects and messy food.

In this case, go avant-garde in the vein of the Italian futurists, early 20th-century artists such as Filippo Marinetti who heralded all things new, industrial and nationalistic. According to Marinetti's 1909 "Futurist Cookbook," the perfect meal "requires originality and harmony in the table setting" and "absolute originality in the food."

For a table centerpiece, Wong suggests a row of "Carrot + Trousers = Profes-

sor" figurines — cobbled together out of carrots and vegetables — à la the classic futurist recipe. Skip candles (too romantic!); try sleek metal flashlights.

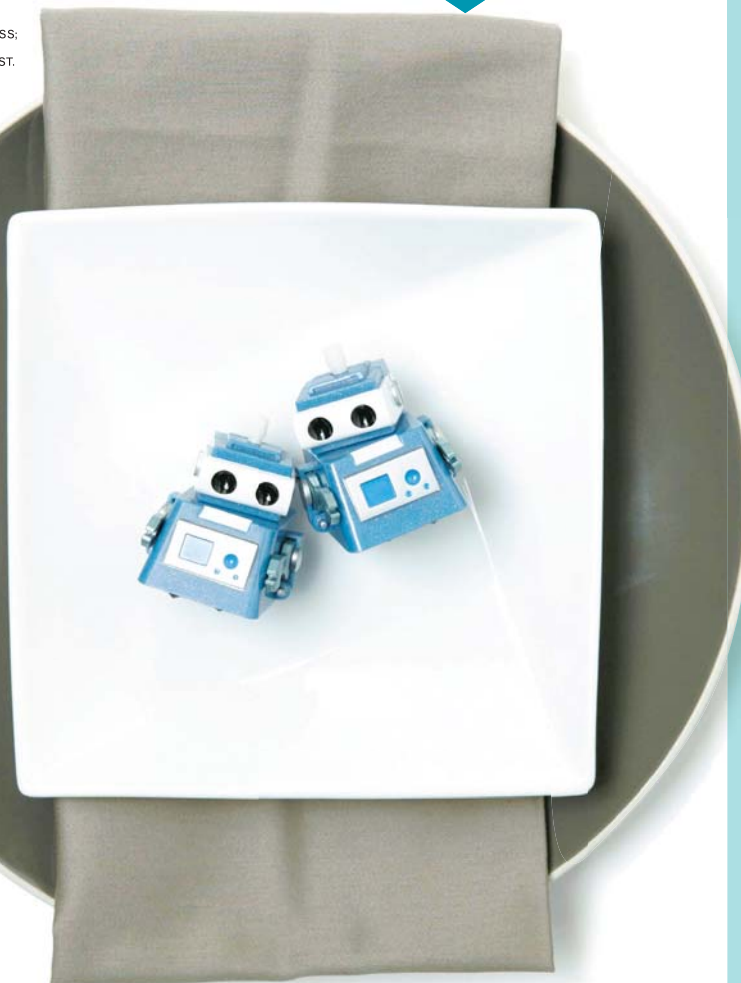
Serve Campari cocktails and Italian wines with Arancini — fried risotto balls. Try a menu of polenta or risotto (considered patriotic since it promoted the Italian rice industry) and Chicken Fiat, a futurist recipe in which steel ball bearings are jammed under the skin of a roasted chicken.

Futurist desserts often assumed the shape of breasts, so take a scoop of almond-flavored ice cream and garnish it with a fresh strawberry at the center.

more ideas

DJ a futuristic playlist. Try songs from albums such as "Experiment Zero" by surf rock group Man or Astroman?; "Major Tom" by synth-pop sci-fi musician Peter Schilling; "Space Oddity" and "Moonage Daydream" by David Bowie; and "Attack El Robot! Attack!" by indie rockers Calxico.

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Breakfast for Dinner

Source: Doug Anderson, chef of breakfast-only Seasons Restaurant (Four Seasons, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-342-0444)

Set the scene: Forget Jumbo Slice. Anderson appeals to night owls and stages a late-night Denny's diner chez you. Think post-rock-show breakfast buffet — though you can also break out the pancakes and omelets at 7 p.m. "Breakfast is comforting and filling," he says. "And serving breakfast at dinner is certainly something people would talk about."

Play up the rise-and-shine theme with simple, "sunny" decor ideas. Try spreading bright yellow tablecloths, setting out a hodgepodge of plates and napkins, and cranking a playlist of up-tempo oldies (think "Knock Three Times," "Tutti Frutti" and anything by the Beach Boys). Sip simple, retro cocktails such as mimosas, screwdrivers or Cape Codders (two parts vodka to three parts cranberry juice).

Recipe File

PEPPER JACK & SAUSAGE POPPERS

Ingredients

- 1 pound pepper jack cheese
- 1 pound breakfast sausage (bulk)
- 3 eggs, whipped
- flour
- panko bread crumbs
- salt

With a melon ball scoop, make ½-inch balls of the pepper jack cheese.

Mold 1.5 ounces sausage meat around the cheese until you form a meatball.

Roll the balls in flour, then egg wash and finish in the panko.

Fry in a table-top fryer set at 360 F and dust with a little salt.

Sauce

- 1 cup Creole mustard
- 1 tbsp bourbon

Whip above together.

The Reelist



Categorical Charm

I try not to take bathroom breaks during movies, especially press screenings. When you're getting paid to watch a film, it seems like bad form. But I, like all small-bladdered Americans, sometimes can't help it. So, while watching "Arthur," which opens today, I ducked out briefly.



This is why formulaic cinema moments are good: They help you know what to expect. When Arthur (Russell Brand, above left, with Helen Mirren) starts to question his Life Purpose through montage, I knew I could answer nature's call. And I was back in time to see his Resolute Decision.

Which is a good thing, because "Arthur" is genuinely funny and wonderfully heartfelt. It's a great romantic comedy not just because it is (1) sweet and (2) funny; it holds to the genre's formula but doesn't get smothered in expectations. Our hero falls in love with Quirky Woman Who Is Right for Him (Greta Gerwig), but there are Serious Obstacles. There are also funny bits, which, thanks to Brand and Mirren, are hilariously smart. There is silliness, of course, but each of the characters is well-crafted, with wants and needs and ambitions, even if one ambition is to live at the bottom of a gin bottle. Sleeping in a levitating bed.

Anyone who dismisses an entire genre of film doesn't understand movies. Yes, there are some awful rom-coms—it's a tough category to do well. Luckily, "Arthur" shows us how.

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THE SWORD AND THE STONED

The fantasy send-up 'Your Highness' gives you a quick buzz, but the jokes are fleeting

Film Review

Once upon a time in a faraway land called Hollywood, two men set out on a quest to subvert the fairy-tale genre with a hilarious spoof. Luckily, their mission wasn't life-or-death, because they were only half-successful.

To be fair, Danny McBride and Ben Best's script for "Your Highness" has its moments. The whole affair might be described as an amped-up version of "The Odyssey" for "Star Wars" fanboys and High Times subscribers. The story follows a king's two very different sons: Fabious (James Franco) is the stereotypical dashing prince with a resplendent mullet and a yen for noble, death-defying quests, while Thadeous (McBride) is a chubby, lazy ne'er-do-well. Saddled with an inferiority complex, the latter prefers

Confessions
Natalie Portman's Higher Education
Yes, the "Your Highness" star inhaled at Harvard. "I love stoner comedies. I smoked weed in college, but I haven't smoked in years," she told Entertainment Weekly in December. But with a baby on the way, the Oscar winner's pot-smoking days are long gone. "I'm too old. I wish I was that cool, but I'm like an old lady now. I'm in bed by 10 p.m. I can't do that anymore." (EXPRESS)

Your Highness (R)
► **Director:** David Gordon Green
► **Stars:** Danny McBride, James Franco, Natalie Portman
► **In a Nutshell:** When Prince Fabious' fiancée is kidnapped, he goes on a quest to rescue her accompanied by his lazy brother Thadeous.
► **For Fans Of:** "Pineapple Express," "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"
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smoking the funny stuff and chasing sheep to slaying dragons. But when Fabious' bride-to-be, Belladonna (Zooey Deschanel), is kidnapped by the evil, gerbil-toothed wizard Leezar (Justin Theroux),

the king orders Thadeous to help his brother retrieve the damsel in distress.
Like director David Gordon Green's uber-violent pot comedy "Pineapple Express," "Your Highness" waffles between a lewd send-up and a blood-drenched action flick. The ensuing adventure involves a salacious Yoda-like muppet, vicious samurais, mud-covered female bandits (who are topless, of course) and a Minotaur as frightening as it is randy. To give the movie the tiniest iota of gravitas, recent Oscar winner Natalie Portman pops up as a ruthless, acrobatic she-warrior and the sub-

While the chemistry between characters is impressive and the comic delivery is spot-on, the jokes feel unoriginal.

ject of Thadeous's affection.
While the chemistry between characters is impressive and the comic delivery is spot-on, the jokes feel unoriginal. The juxtaposition of modern-day vulgarities and archaic language traditions (trading in modern possessive adjectives for "mine" and "thine," for example) is amusing at first. By the time "Thy End" pops up on-screen, though, the quip isn't even worth a polite chuckle.
As it is, "Your Highness" might prove to be mindless fun for an audience with a high tolerance for depravity. But for those of you averse to carnage and bawdy jokes, hear ye: Spare thine eyes. **STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



FOCUS FEATURES

Saoirse Ronan plays the titular star of this intense and enjoyable chase flick.

'Hanna' Runs On Adrenaline

Saoirse Ronan shines as a teenage killing machine in this fun and fast thrill ride

Film Review

Talk about the dangers of homeschooling. The mesmerizing heroine of "Hanna" — a semi-feral 16-year-old raised by her stay-at-home dad in the permafrost forests of Finland — can rattle off facts and figures about anatomy and geography in seven languages, but she's also a ruthless killing machine. To be fair, it's not all her father's fault in this intense but imperfect thriller.

The single most compelling reason to see "Hanna" is Hanna herself. As played by Saoirse Ronan, the character is a fascinating and frustrating cipher. Trained in hand-to-hand combat, survival skills, evasive maneuvers and gun handling, she drives the movie forward with a watchability that's as compulsive as it is propulsive. She's so diverting that it's easy to overlook the movie's flaws.

There are more than a few, starting with the switch Hanna flips — quite literally — to start the action rolling. One minute she and her

Hanna (PG-13)

► **Director:** Joe Wright

► **Stars:** Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett, Eric Bana

► **In a Nutshell:** A 16-year-old who was raised by her father to be the perfect assassin is dispatched on a mission across Europe and is tracked by a ruthless intelligence agent and her operatives.

► **For Fans of:** "The Professional"

father Erik (Eric Bana) are bow-hunting caribou and engaging in mixed martial arts play in the snow, and the next Hanna has activated some kind of electronic homing beacon that tells the movie's bad girl, Marissa Wiegler (Cate Blanchett), just where to find them.

Is it a great movie? No. Nagging questions and plot holes start appearing the minute the endorphins and adrenaline wear off.

But it isn't a bad one, either. At one point, someone asks Marissa — who has a compelling reason to care what kind of person Hanna turns into — whether the girl we see in the movie turned out like Marissa had hoped. "Better," she says icily.

In balance, I'd agree. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

A Heavy-Handed Message

Bethany Hamilton's inspiring story falls flat in 'Soul Surfer'

Film Review

Based on the memoir of Bethany Hamilton — a surfer who, at 13, lost her arm in a 2003 shark attack and then went on to become a top-rated pro — "Soul Surfer" contains enough platitudes to stock a Hallmark shop. Like little waves, they break, one after the other, in a screenplay credited to director Sean McNamara and three other writers.

But the whopper comes when Bethany, played by an appeal-



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Dennis Quaid and Helen Hunt are AnnaSophia Robb's parents in "Soul Surfer."

ing and fresh-faced AnnaSophia Robb, visits Phuket, Thailand, to help with relief efforts in the aftermath of the 2004 earthquake and

catastrophic wave there.

Love, she tells us, is "bigger than any tsunami."

If a line like that triggers your gag reflex, then this tale of the triumph of pluck over adversity is probably not for you. It's not that the movie is relentlessly upbeat. To its credit, McNamara's dramatization confronts Bethany's doubts as much as it credits her Christian faith. (Carrie Underwood stars as Bethany's youth minister.)

But the movie never fully escapes its Pollyannaish vibe. And the swells of inspirational storytelling sometimes threaten to swamp the underlying inspirational story. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

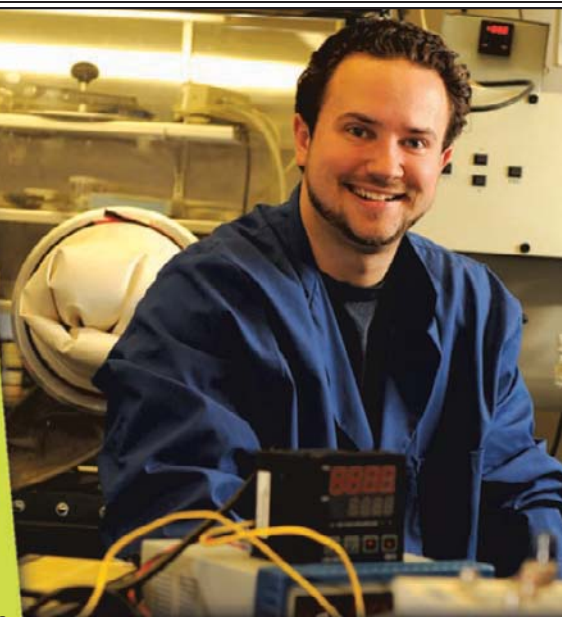
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It's All Been Done

The laughs are hard to come by in this redundant remake of '80s comedy 'Arthur'

Film Review

Was the lovable lush ever funny? Maybe it was a hoot back in the 1970s, the heyday of comedian Foster Brooks, who made a career out of pretending to be shellacked on "The Dean Martin Show." By 1981, when the original "Arthur" came out, the slurred-speech shtick of Dudley Moore — the titular playboy alcoholic, who cackled wildly at his own jokes, and then fell down — was already getting old.

In 2011, the sight of Russell Brand doing essentially the same thing, in an utterly redundant remake, is a little bit pitiful.

In the new, gender-flipping version, the original's Hobson is played by Helen Mirren, a brilliant actress for whom writer Peter Baynham hasn't managed to find a single humorous thing to say.

For those who don't remember the original story, the premise is straightforward. Arthur (Brand) is the man-child heir of a family for-



Russell Brand's impish, man-child act can't save the multiple failures of "Arthur."

Arthur (PG-13)

- **Director:** Jason Winer
- **Stars:** Russell Brand, Helen Mirren, Jennifer Garner
- **In a Nutshell:** A carefree billionaire is given an ultimatum by his mother: shape up and marry the "right" woman or lose your inheritance.
- **For Fans Of:** "Get Him to the Greek," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"

tune who has been burning up his trust fund with hookers and booze. After he embarrasses his shrewish, strait-laced mother (Geraldine

James) one time too many by crashing one of the cars in his collection of vintage movie cars (in this case, the Batmobile, one of the film's few gags that work, sort of), Mommy Dearest lays down an ultimatum: Marry the gold-digging but pedigreed Susan (Jennifer Garner) or be cut off from the money tree forever.

Arthur's mother pretty much sums up the movie's central problem when she says to him, early in the film, "How can you squander your considerable intelligence on idiocy like this?"

How, indeed? **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN**
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Dreams of a 'Better World'

This Oscar-winning foreign picture tells a thoughtful story

Film Review

From brutish schoolyard justice to tribal savagery, ritualized male aggression earns agonizingly somber scrutiny in Susanne Bier's "In a Better World," which won the Oscar this year for best foreign-language picture.

The film opens with what may be one of the most patronizing clichés in contemporary cinema: A group



Trine Dyrholm's marriage is crumbling in Susanne Bier's "In a Better World."

of happy, shouting African children running behind a pick-up truck. Sitting in the vehicle's cramped bed is

Anton (Mikael Persbrandt), a physician with Doctors Without Borders who performs emergency surgeries in a windy, dusty tent in the middle of nowhere.

Anton's world back in Denmark is more civilized, but forboding tensions roil the surface of his quiet, seaside life. His marriage to Marianne (Trine Dyrholm) has suffered a rupture, and his 10-year-old son, Elias, is being bullied at school.

"In a Better World" presents viewers with a thoughtful, timely work by a filmmaker of sensitivity and assurance.
ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU (PG-13, 106 minutes) Matt Damon plays a gifted young New York politician named David Norris, who, as the movie opens, is wrapping up a campaign to become the state's youngest U.S. senator. Handsome, charismatic and hotheaded, Norris is practicing a crucial speech in a Waldorf Astoria men's room on election night when he meets Elise Sellas (Emily Blunt) as she steps out of one of the stalls. As a couple, David and Elise are clearly meant to be, but it turns out that David's future may have other plans. The Fates are aligned in the form of the title outfit, led by a no-nonsense operative named Richardson. This is a movie of myriad genres and tonal gradations, including classic science fiction in the tradition of "Blade Runner" and "The Matrix," and the doomed romance of "An Affair to Remember." **A.H.**

BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13, 116 minutes) A cross between "The War of



Jake Gyllenhaal is on a secret time-travel mission, even though he doesn't understand it, in the sci-fi thriller ride "Source Code."

the Worlds" and a Marine recruiting film, "Battle: Los Angeles" sends a bunch of earnest leathernecks into the most hostile territory they've ever experienced: Santa Monica. Twenty major cities around the world have been attacked by metal-sheathed extraterrestrials. The movie emphasizes the effects of

the intergalactic brawl on a lone Marine patrol, led by no-nonsense Staff Sgt. Mike Nantz (chasm-chinned Aaron Eckhart). The repetitive point-and-shoot story line suggests an M-rated video game, but the movie's pounding symphonic score and irony-free outlook are closer to World War II B-movies. **MARK JENKINS**

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES (PG, 96 minutes) The huge popularity of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books can be traced to one simple fact: They ring true. Their under-achieving preteen hero, Greg Heffley—whose diaries they purport to be—has no reason to lie. He's writing in a private jour-

nal, after all. As a result, the picture they paint of the modern middle-schooler feels very real. He's a flawed and funny Holden Caulfield Jr., a bumbler with backbone. If only the new movie based on the second book in the series, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules," were as candid, or as hilarious. The problem doesn't really lie in the acting but in the writing. There's too much effort expended on making the kids cute and cuddly, instead of plausible. **M.O.**

HOP (PG, 95 minutes) "Hop," a piece of fluff as artificially sweetened as a fuchsia Peep, offers a glimmer of amusement, but only to kids still young enough to believe in the Easter Bunny. Mr. Bunny plans to retire and pass the reins of his chick-driven fleet to his adolescent son E.B. (Russell Brand), but the teen rabbit doesn't want to succeed his pop; he wants to bounce from his magical childhood home and become a drummer. He takes a one-way rabbit-hole trip to Hollywood, where he winds up on the windshield of another parental disappointment, Fred O'Hare (James Marsden). E.B. guilties Fred into providing a place to stay and helping him with his rock-star dreams. **SANDIE ANGULO CHEN**

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INSIDIOUS (PG-13, 102 minutes) The old house in which the film opens is no "Amityville Horror," but between the crackling voices on the baby monitor and inexplicably moving objects, the place is plenty spooked. But Josh and Renai Lambert (Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne), the young couple who have just moved in with their three kids, have had enough of that nonsense. Unfortunately, the next home they move into is just as bad, if not worse. If you've seen the trailer, you know the reason. It isn't the houses that are haunted, but the Lamberts' son Dalton (Ty Simpkins). After taking a mild bump on the head, Dalton falls into what appears to be a medically unexplained coma, while all around him the spirit world is going crazy. Soon, the "Saw" sensibility kicks in, leaving little to the imagination. **M.O.**

JANE EYRE (PG-13, 120 minutes) "Jane Eyre" counts as one of the most-adapted novels for the screen, with Cary Joji Fukunaga's version the latest of dozens. Sure-



Rose Byrne, left, and Patrick Wilson contend with a spooky house in "Insidious."

ly, part of the novel's appeal is its upright title character, who suffers miserably and unfairly, first at the hands of her abusive aunt, then at a sadistic girls school and finally with that master of mixed signals, Edward Rochester. But for many readers, Jane is no quivering heath blossom, meekly waiting for Mr. Rochester to cast an eye her way. She has spirit enough to call out the social mores and religious hy-

pocrisies of 19th-century Britain, and it's precisely that rebellious spark that draws Mr. Rochester to her in the first place. **A.H.**

THE MUSIC NEVER STOPPED (PG, 105 minutes) Based on "The Last Hippie," a case study by neurologist and author Oliver Sachs, "Music" dramatizes the story of a young man (Lou Taylor Pucci) who, after the removal of a brain tumor, becomes unable to form new memo-

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ries. He sits in a rehabilitation hospital, slack-jawed and unresponsive. But then a music therapist (Julia Ormond) discovers something weird. When she drops the stylus on an old album from the late 1960s, Gabriel comes to life, jabbering at length about memories associated with a particular song from his adolescence, especially if it's one by his favorite band, the Grateful Dead. Lift the needle, and the music isn't the only thing that falls silent; Gabriel does, too. The problem is, in his mind, Nixon is still president. Friends of his who died in Vietnam are still alive. The Dead and Jerry Garcia are still jamming together somewhere. He's frozen in time. **M.O.**

LIMITLESS (PG-13, 106 minutes) A man gets hooked on a new designer drug that allows him, by popping a little clear tablet once a day, to access 100 percent of his brain, instead of the tiny fraction that it is popularly believed that we use. Almost overnight, Eddie (Bradley Cooper) goes from being a scruffy, mumbling novelist with writer's block and a girlfriend (Abbie Cornish) who has just dumped him to a multilingual motormouth with a successful stock portfolio, a photographic memory, the analytic powers of Watson the supercomputer, the martial-arts moves of Jason Bourne and the pick of every beautiful woman in New York. Soon Eddie is on the run from several disreputable types who have also gotten a jones for mother's little helper, called NZT, the demand for which vastly outstrips the supply. In director Neil Burger's adrenalized, sharply edited and surprisingly engaging thriller, Eddie's choice seems to be between getting knifed by another addled NZT addict or killed by the drug itself. **M.O.**

THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R, 119 minutes) Matthew McConaughey slides into his role with the insinuating ease of a bottleneck over a National guitar in "The Lincoln Lawyer," a pleasantly seedy crime thriller set in the most featureless nether regions of Los Angeles. McConaughey plays criminal defense attorney Mickey Haller, a notorious bottom-feeder whose office is the back of a Lincoln Town Car. Mickey is a scammer and a scoundrel and a striver in the finest cinematic tradition of Sidney Falco and Jerry Maguire. As Haller, McConaughey makes the most of his Texas drawl, slicked-back hair and ingratiating affability. As "The Lincoln Lawyer" opens, Haller agrees to represent rich kid Louis Roulet (Ryan

Phillippe), who so earnestly insists that he didn't commit the savage beating of a girl that Haller almost believes him. With the help of investigator Frank Levin, Haller begins to build his defense, along the way discovering that the case is far more complicated than he first thought. **A.H.** **PAUL** (R, 104 minutes) Paul — whose name our alien protagonist borrowed from the dog his spaceship accidentally

flattened when he crash-landed here a half-century ago — finally has managed to escape from the Area 51-like research lab where he has been imprisoned. While on his way to a rendezvous with his mother, Paul runs into Graeme and Clive, two British sci-fi geeks whose idea of an American holiday is an RV tour of the Southwest's most famous UFO sites. Once Graeme and Clive get over their

initial shock that Paul can talk, they agree to drive their foul-mouthed new friend to his destination. Things get complicated, however, with the appearance of a shadowy government agent (Jason Bateman), whose dogged pursuit of Paul precipitates the violent mayhem, gunplay, car crashes and explosions that characterize the film's familiar-looking climax. By the standards of mainstream movies, there's

little that's particularly paranormal about "Paul." Rather than poking fun at the conventions of Hollywood sci-fi, it, for the most part, obeys them. **M.O.**

RANGO (PG, 107 minutes) When Rango's aquarium gets jostled out of a traveling car, leaving its tender-footed inhabitant alone to fend for himself in the Mojave desert, Rango (voice of Johnny Depp)

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Soon after arriving in Dirt, Rango seeks to impress the townsfolk in the local bar, spinning a tall tale of murderous derring-do. Now a rootin', tootin', bona-feeday hee-roe, Rango is appointed sheriff and soon thereafter discovers there might be more to the local water shortage than just a patch of bad weather. **A.H.**

RED RIDING HOOD (PG-13, 100 minutes) Channeled by the ethereally beautiful

Amanda Seyfried, townsmayden Valerie is all wide eyes and English-rose innocence as she longs for her soul mate, a humble woodcutter named Peter (Shiloh Fernandez) but is forced to marry the wealthier and far less dangerous Henry (Max Irons). When the town is attacked by the Big Bad Werewolf, the local priest looks for salvation in a hired werewolf-assassin named Father Solomon (Gary Oldman). For the

strenuous effort director Catherine Hardwicke puts in to juice up "Red Riding Hood," the movie remains an oddly wan, bloodless affair. **A.H.**

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commuter train, while his pretty seat mate (Michelle Monaghan) chatters happily away about quitting her job. A few minutes later, a bomb goes off and he's sucked into yet another reality, a cramped metallic capsule smelling strongly of hydraulic fluid. What's going on? And who's that uniformed lady talking in Stevens' ear? That would be a dulcet-voiced but shadowy handler named Goodwin (Vera Farmiga), who with her boss (Jeffrey Wright) operates an experimental time-travel operation for the U.S. military. As "Source Code" unfolds in a series of cleverly assembled accordion pleats, Stevens discovers he's on a mission with supernatural overtones but very real consequences. **A.H.**

SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13, 109 minutes) Director Zack Snyder and his production crew clearly had great fun envisioning this swords-and-corsets fantasy. The central character is Babydoll (Emily Browning), whose attempt to protect her little sister from their hateful stepfather goes wrong.

Don't expect much more than sugar-coated kids' fare in the animated feature "Hop."



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She's dispatched to a Dickensian asylum. But then the hospital is somehow transformed into a nightclub/brothel, and the Polish-accented psychiatrist becomes the dance instructor. Babydoll is outfitted in a sexy-schoolgirl outfit that exposes her midriff and thighs, and she meets the similarly underdressed Sweet Pea, Rocket, Blondie and Amber. Before she can settle into bordello life, Babydoll lands in a medieval Japanese temple, where she's greeted by a monk. He gives her a few weapons and some Zen-like wisdom, and leaves her to battle those giant zombie samurai. Babydoll then returns to the "real" world and recruits her new friends for three more fantasy quests, in which they can win the tools they need to escape the asylum. **M.J.**

SUPER (Unrated, 96 minutes) It isn't long after Frank D'Arbo (Wilson) has stitched together the red mask and baggy bodysuit of the Crimson Bolt, his nom de guerre

in the battle against evildoers, that he starts to go a little overboard. He shifts his attacks—with a massive pipe wrench, his signature weapon—from the deserving muggers, pushers and johns of underage prostitutes to some poor guy who has butted in line at a movie theater. You can mark the moment when the movie stops being funny and starts being creepy. It's when Frank cracks the head open of that

hapless line-jumper, sending him and, for good measure his girlfriend, to the ICU. The violence is shockingly graphic and disturbingly realistic for what up to then has looked like a comedy. **M.O.**

WIN WIN (R, 106 minutes) Paul Giamatti stars in a wrestling picture that reinvigorates the genre with verve, warmth and heart. His character, a lawyer named Mike Flaherty, coaches his suburban New

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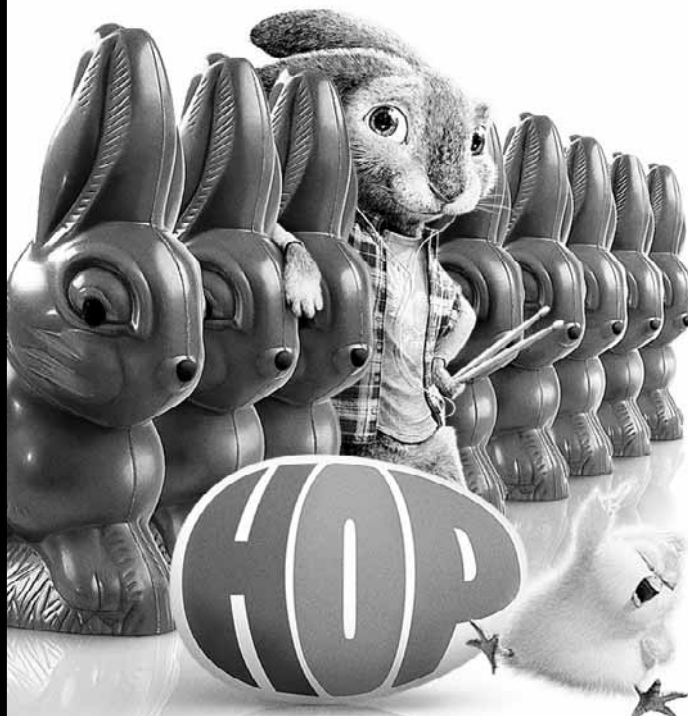
client's grandson, a teenager named Kyle, who arrives out of the blue and begins to take his place in Mike's universe. The two bond in surprising and cheering ways that allow "Win Win" to live up to its title both literally and emotionally. **A.H.**

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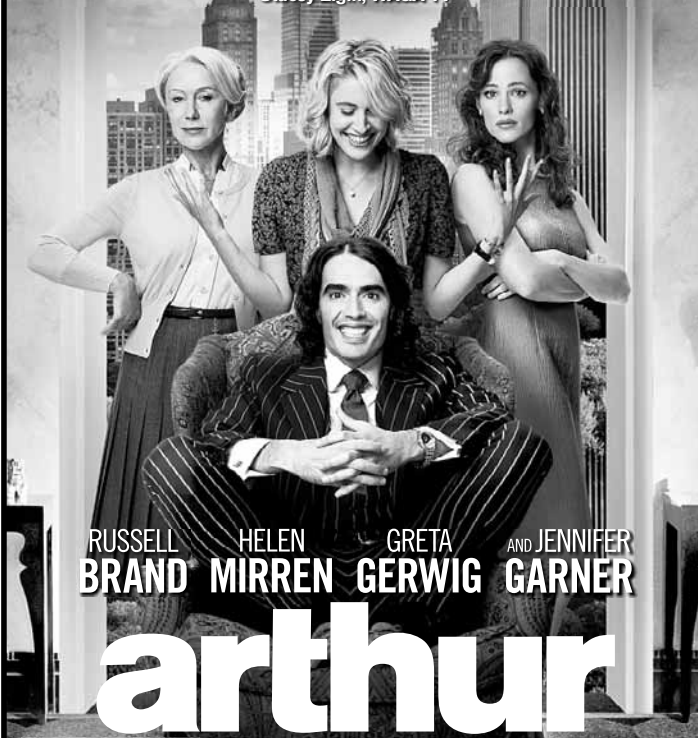
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Sunset Boulevard (1950) (NR) 12:00AM
HappyThankYouMorePless (NR) 1:45-9:50
Bill Cunningham New York (NR) 1:40-3:40-5:40-7:40-9:40
Jane Eyre (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:55

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com
Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 11:55-2:10-4:35-6:50-9:10-11:30
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50-12:20
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) Digital Projection: 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:55-12:35
Hanna (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00-12:40
Rango (PG) 12:15-2:45-5:15
Arthur (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:20-12:45
Source Code (PG-13) 12:10-2:10-5:20-8:30-11:50-7:30-10:05-12:30
Insidious (PG-13) 12:45-3:15-5:40-8:20-10:45
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 7:50-10:35
Soul Surfer (PG) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:40-10:15-12:45
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25-12:50
Limitless (PG-13) 12:20-2:50-5:20-8:00-10:30-12:55
Sucker Punch (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 12:30; 3:00-5:30-8:10-10:40
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 12:05-2:25-4:40-7:00-9:30-11:45

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver
Every Man for Himself (Sauve Qui Peut - La Vie) (NR) 9:15
The Girlfriends (Le Amiche) (NR) 7:00
Win Win (R) No Passes: (I) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
Jane Eyre (PG-13) No Passes: (I) 12:00-2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
Your Highness (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50
Limitless (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:40
Source Code (PG-13) (I) 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:15
Insidious (PG-13) (I) 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:35-10:00
Arthur (PG-13) (I) 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:50-9:45
Hop (PG) 11:50-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 11:00-1:20-3:45-6:30-9:00
Hanna (PG-13) (I) 10:50-1:30-4:05-6:45-9:20

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com
Hop (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Soul Surfer (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Arthur (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com
Rango (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:00-3:40
Hop (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:50-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30-12:25
Big Momma's Like Father, Like Son (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 6:20-9:00-11:40
Hanna (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:35-2:20-5:10-7:50-10:35-12:40
Insidious (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50-12:30
Arthur (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20-1:00
Source Code (PG-13) (I) 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
Sucker Punch (PG-13) 10:35-1:20-4:05-6:50-9:35-12:20
Your Highness (R) (I) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:45-12:55
Limitless (PG-13) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:10-12:50
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 11:00-1:45-4:20-7:00-9:40
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:25-12:35

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com
Win Win (R) 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-7:00-8:00-9:30
The King's Speech (PG-13) 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:25
Certified Copy (Copie conforme) (NR) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:40
Jane Eyre (PG-13) 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:50
In a Better World (Hævnen) (R) (I) 1:20-4:00-6:50-9:45
Of Gods and Men (Des hommes et des dieux) (PG-13) 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:35
Miral (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:10-9:55

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com
Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 1:20-3:40-6:50-9:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) Digital Projection: 1:30-3:50-6:40-9:00
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:15
Source Code (PG-13) 2:10-5:10-7:40-10:00
Hanna (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:05
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 2:20-5:15-7:45-10:10
Soul Surfer (PG) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Limitless (PG-13) 2:30-5:00-7:25-10:10
Arthur (PG-13) 2:15-4:50-7:20-9:55
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.
Sucker Punch (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:05-4:55-7:55-10:35

Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:35
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 2:00-5:00-8:00-10:40
Limitless (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 1:55-4:25-7:50-10:25
Hanna (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:00
Insidious (PG-13) 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20
Rango (PG) 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:45
Source Code (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 1:50-4:50-7:35-9:55
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1:35-4:35-7:15-10:05
Soul Surfer (PG) Digital Projection: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40
Arthur (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Hop (PG) CC-Open Caption: 1:45-4:15-7:20-10:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) RWD/A: 1:25-3:55-6:55-9:50
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1:05-4:05-7:25-10:10

Regal Majestic 20
900 Ellsworth Drive
Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 1:10-2:50-3:30-5:05-5:45-7:25-8:10-9:40-10:25-11:55
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 2:00-4:20-7:00-9:35-12:05
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) Digital Projection: 2:30-4:45-7:10-9:25-11:40
Sucker Punch: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: (I) 1:35-4:15-7:05-9:30-12:00
Insidious Code (PG-13) 1:40-3:55-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:40-9:50-11:00-12:10
Source Code (PG-13) 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:55-10:20-12:30
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Arthur (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:30-4:00-6:40-9:15-11:45
Sucker Punch (PG-13) 2:40
Soul Surfer (PG) 1:15-3:40-6:00-8:20-10:45
Hop (PG) 1:50-4:05-6:20
Paul (R) 8:35-11:10
Arthur (PG-13) 2:25-5:00-7:35-10:05-12:35
Hop (PG) R/W & DA: 2:20-4:35-6:50-9:00
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1:20-3:45-6:35-8:55-11:25
Limitless (PG-13) 3:00-5:20-7:45-10:15-12:40
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VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com
Hop (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:00-1:10-2:30-3:40-5:00-6:15-7:25-8:45-9:55
Salvation Poem (Poema de salvacion) (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 12:30-2:40-4:45-7:10-9:30
Jane Eyre (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45
Source Code (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 2:00-4:40-7:30-10:00
Soul Surfer (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50
Arthur (PG-13) (I) 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:40-10:10

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
Rango (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:40-2:20-5:00
Sucker Punch (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 7:20-10:05
Hop (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:00-10:55-11:45-12:30-1:25-2:15-3:05-4:00-4:50-5:40-6:35-7:25-8:15-9:10-10:00-10:50-11:40
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20-12:15
Your Highness (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:35
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 7:35-10:20
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:20-11:35-12:55-2:05-3:25-4:45-6:05-8:20-11:10
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) Digital Presentation: 10:45-1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15
Source Code (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: (I) 10:05-12:25-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Sucker Punch: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: 9:55-12:35-3:15-6:00-8:45-11:30
Soul Surfer (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:25-2:00-4:35-7:15-9:55-12:30
Arthur (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:10-12:50-3:30-6:15-9:00-11:45
Source Code (PG-13) (I) 10:05-11:15-12:25-1:45-3:00-4:15-5:30-6:45-8:00-9:15-10:30-11:50
Insidious (PG-13) (I) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:05-9:45-12:25

Arthur (PG-13) (I) 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25
The King's Speech (PG-13) 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10
Paul (R) 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:40
Limitless (PG-13) 10:35-12:10-1:15-2:50-4:05-5:35-6:55-8:20-9:40-11:05-12:20
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 11:20-1:55-4:25-6:50-9:25-12:00
Hanna (PG-13) (I) 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:00-9:50-12:30

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St <http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/>
Your Highness (R) (I) 5:15-7:30-10:00
Hanna (PG-13) (I) 5:30-7:50-10:00

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com
Sucker Punch (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:00-4:35-7:10-9:50
Hanna (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:30
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) Digital Projection: 2:20-5:05-8:10
Insidious (PG-13) 2:05-4:40-7:30-10:20
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Hanna (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:40

Regal Kingstowne 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Rango (PG) Digital Projection: 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:05
Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 12:00-12:50-2:15-3:10-4:35-5:30-6:55-8:10-9:15-10:30
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:25
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Soul Surfer (PG) RWD/A: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:40-10:15
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:30
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:45
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 3:25-9:00

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com
Hop (PG) Digital Projection: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Your Highness (R) Digital Projection: 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15-11:45
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) Digital Projection: 3:25-6:10-9:00
Hanna (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:30-12:00
Source Code (PG-13) 1:00-3:20-5:15-5:50-7:45-8:20-10:00-10:50
Insidious (PG-13) 2:20-4:50-7:30-10:10
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 4:00-6:30-9:05; 1:25
Your Highness (R) 2:10-4:40-7:20-10:00
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 3:55-6:45-9:40
Hanna (PG-13) 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50

TV weekend **lookout**

Shopping for Strange

'Oddities' chronicles the obscure antiques at a New York store

Reality

**SAT
10:00**

Tired of all of those Tiffany vases, Chippendale davenports and Gibson guitars appraised on "Antiques Roadshow"? Looking for a show where the antiques are weird? Then Science Channel has a series for you. "Oddities" follows Mike and Evan, owners of Obscura Antiques and Oddities in New York's East Village, a place where you're more likely to find a used straightjacket than Grandma's quilt.

Having assembled their slightly creepy collection, Mike and Evan also attract a clientele straight out of the Addams Family. A circus performer furiously bargains for a freak-show item and also shows us how he can chew up light bulbs. He hams it up by warning us, "Don't do this at home." One presumes that



A patron looks at the unique treasures available at Obscura Antiques and Oddities.

those new energy-saving bulbs may put a crimp in his routine.

One eager visitor brings our hosts an old medical book that she believes may have been bound in human skin. Another man, a dentist no less, thinks he's been bequeathed a real shrunken head. Ever diligent, Mike takes the book to a DNA lab and has a quasi-famous law-

yer determine the legality of owning human remains. Who pays for these professional consultations? Mike, the customer or the Science Channel? Or do the experts appear gratis as a kind of product placement? "Oddities" may be quirky, but as reality television goes, it's pretty run-of-the-mill. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

**SAT
8:00**

Merlin (SYFY) As Camelot's new queen, Morgana is a mean monarch, killing innocents and forcing Pendragon to watch. With Guinevere's help, Sir Leon joins Arthur, Merlin and Gwaine in hiding. After Merlin finds the sword Excalibur, Arthur leads the group back to Camelot.

**SAT
10:00**

Colin Quinn Long Story Short (HBO) Colin Quinn, pictured, has the history of the world down to an hour and a quarter's worth of material. In his one-man Broadway show, he covers everything from labor relations in ancient Rome to the theory of evolution.



**SUN
8:00**

Human Planet (DSC) From oceans to jungles, the poles to the deserts, this new series (from the people who brought you "Planet Earth") explores man's ability to survive in the most extreme environments.

**SUN
9:00**



Mildred Pierce (HBO) Mildred's (Kate Winslet, left) eagerness to expand her business is tempered by a rift with Veda over the girl's relationship with a society slacker. A reunion with Monty leads to a reconciliation with Veda, but a business setback sets the wheels of tragedy in motion in the series' final two parts. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Awards



Funny Business

Comedy Central's inaugural "Comedy Awards" (9 p.m., COM) celebrates the funniest actors; comedians; television and film comedies; and the writers and directors behind them. There are also categories for funny Web content, with fans picking the winners. Eddie Murphy is the recipient of the Comedy Icon Award. Others slated to appear include Tina Fey; Jimmy Fallon; Jon Stewart, right; and Stephen Colbert, left. (TM)



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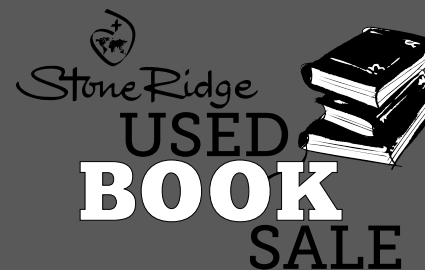
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COMMENTER ANGRY KEVIN

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COMMENTER GARRETT IRBY

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Blog Log



"Seeing that LeBron's too busy making global decisions, falling in the clutch and starring in cartoons at the moment, our attention shall focus to the most hilarious headline of the day: Gloria James getting arrested for doing something Chris Bosh will never do — be a defensive force."

— **DAYANDADREAM.COM** REACTS TO NEWS THAT LEBRON JAMES' MOTHER WAS ARRESTED IN MIAMI THURSDAY AFTER SHE ALLEGEDLY SLAPPED A PARKING VALET AT THE FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL.

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As you begin to assemble your to-do list, you'll realize that even the little things carry far more weight than expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Miss even the smallest of details, and the fabric of what you've been working on will begin to deteriorate quickly. Stay on top of it all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're perfectly willing to give someone else a second chance, provided he or she is willing to work with you from here on out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are going to have to be ready for a lot of input in a very little span of time. Prioritize every step of the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What worked for you before is likely to do the trick — as expected. What's different is likely to be the reactions you get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to stumble into the chance of a lifetime before the day is out. You'll be surprised at how ready you really are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll be exploring certain ideas that have been unpopular in the past, but you're betting that their time has come at last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can still promote your agenda without seeming overly aggressive, especially with those who may resent your newfound authority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Without any rhyme or reason, you may find yourself in a situation that is utterly new to you — except for the feeling it provides.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's more of a mystery to be solved, so you mustn't cease your investigations prematurely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A combination of natural charm and cultivated wisdom can give you the advantage when you find yourself suddenly front and center.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your attempts to see things progress in an organized fashion may actually backfire on you; let things develop organically.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 207

A ₁	E ₁	O ₁	D ₂	S ₁	T ₁	T ₁

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 RACK 1

A ₁	U ₁	U ₁	P ₃	P ₃	H ₄	S ₁

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 RACK 2

A ₁	O ₁	U ₁	T ₁	N ₁	R ₁	D ₂

3rd Letter Triple

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 RACK 3

A ₁	I ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	D ₂	L ₁	B ₃

Double Word Score

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

R ₁	I ₁	C ₃	K ₅	E ₁	T ₁	Y ₄	RACK 1 =	69
I ₁	M ₃	P ₃	R ₁	O ₁	V ₄		RACK 2 =	13
C ₃	R ₁	O ₁	S ₁	S ₁	L ₁	Y ₄	RACK 3 =	86
F ₄	O ₁	R ₁	E ₁	L ₁	E ₁	G ₂	RACK 4 =	61
PAR SCORE 155-165								TOTAL
								229

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

5		4					2		7
			1	5		4	6		
					1				
	5			8		1		9	
		6					1		
	2		9			3		7	
				8					
			5	3		7	9		
6		3					7		4

Yesterday's Solution

7	3	5	1	9	4	6	8	2
4	1	6	5	8	2	3	7	9
2	9	8	6	7	3	4	1	5
9	6	3	4	5	8	1	2	7
1	7	2	9	3	6	5	4	8
5	8	4	7	2	1	9	6	3
6	5	9	2	1	7	8	3	4
8	2	1	3	4	5	7	9	6
3	4	7	8	6	9	2	5	1

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Forecast

54 | 45

Today: Cooler today with rain. On-and-off rain and drizzle tonight.

58 | 53

Tomorrow: Areas of drizzle tomorrow morning. Considerable clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN **MON** **TUE**
76 | 61 81 | 55 66 | 49

Sun and Moon **Almanac**
 Sunrise today: 6:43 a.m. Normal high: 64
 Sunset today: 7:38 p.m. Record high: 94
 Moonrise today: 9:29 a.m. Normal low: 43
 Moonset today: none Record low: 24

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**SALARIES****The Girls on 'Teen Mom' Want Raises From MTV**

Bristol Palin was well worth the \$332,500 she was paid to be an ambassador for the Candies Foundation, a charity that aims to prevent teen pregnancy, said founder Neil Cole. Palin was paid \$262,500 in 2009 and another \$70,000 in 2010. "Someone said in our organization today, 'Bristol's the gift that keeps on giving,'" Cole said. (AP)

THINKING AHEAD**Quick, Someone Buy Trump2020.com!**

Donald Trump says he isn't convinced that President Obama was born in the U.S. In an interview broadcast Thursday, Trump told NBC News he plans to decide by June whether to run. If he is the GOP nominee, "I'd like to beat him straight up," not on the basis of where Obama was born. Meanwhile, Radaronline.com discovered that the domain name Trump2012.com has been registered to Trump since 2004. (AP/EXPRESS)

**RETURN POLICIES****No, They Don't Waive the Fee If Your Marriage Fails**

A business named Creative Energy Options is suing Kate Gosselin for \$10,476 they say she never paid in counseling services from 2009, TMZ.com reported. According to the suit, Gosselin had asked the Pennsylvania practice to send a counselor to Los Angeles. The company says Gosselin never paid for either the counseling or the travel expenses. (EXPRESS)

ACTIVITIES**Raise Your Hand If You Stole Jewelry!**

A 2008 break-in at Paris Hilton's Los Angeles home has led to a lawsuit over \$60,000 in borrowed gems. A jeweler's insurer says Hilton held onto them after police gave them back to her and that she ignored repeated requests to return the jewelry. (AP)

**Wedding Watch****Suit Shielded From Weather, War and Apathy**

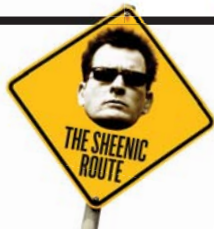
Prince William's suit for his April 29 wedding to Kate Middleton is ready. "He was measured long ago and had fittings at the Clarence House," a source told Usmagazine.com. "It's been finished by hand and is ready for the wedding." The suit is at a hidden location and will travel in a bullet-proof vehicle. (EXPRESS)

BUNS IN OVENS**Baby Bump Looks Smarter, Funnier Than All the Others**

Tina Fey is expecting her second child. Her publicist confirmed that Fey announced the pregnancy while taping an episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on Wednesday. (AP)

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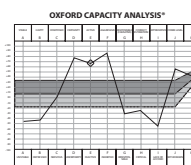
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